

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the paragraph on page 12, line 14, and replace with the following new paragraph. Changes to the paragraph have been highlighted.

For ease of illustration, the round-robin 310 has been depicted in Figure 3 as a circular arrangement of positions 330(1-m) including a pointer 340 that may rotate about the center of the positions 330(1-m). It should, however, be appreciated that the positions 330(1-m) may not necessarily take the form of a circle. For example, the round-robin 310 may include a linear arrangement of positions 330(1-m) that may be sequentially accessed by the pointer 340 in a manner well known to those of ordinary skill in the art. ~~{Inventor: could you supply an example of an arrangement of registers/pointers?}~~ It should be appreciated that the form of the arbiter 230 is not material to this invention and so, in alternative embodiments, other forms may be chosen without departing from the scope of the present invention.